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PUBLIC HEALTH IN WARSAW IMPROVES

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES SHOW DECLINE -- Rzeczpospolita, No 205, 28 Jul 49

Specialists agree that the health of Warsaw residents is reasonably good.

Extermination of flies and mosquitoes, the greatest carriers of communicable disease, continues. More than 1,000 buildings have been sprayed, including slaughter houses, dairies, and hospitals

Medical care has also improved. Recurrent malaria cases are about 5 percent of the total number, while last year the figure fluctuated between 40 and 50 percent of the total cases.

The total number of malaria cases recorded in Warsaw in 1948, the heaviest year, was 1,873. As of the end of June 1948, there were 757 cases, while this year at the end of June only 287 cases were recorded.

Other contagious diseases also show a comparable decline. Dysentery is practically nonexistent, and danger of typhoid fever is no longer felt.

Strange and unexplained is the existence of typhus, although slight (one or 2 cases in a period of weeks). The cases are light and only detected at later stages of the disease. Research in the matter is in progress. No deaths have been reported.

However, there are many cases of paratyphoid. Of the three varieties, paratyphoid "B," contracted from tainted food is most frequent. Although disagreeable, it is not dangerous.

Program "W," organized to combat venereal disease, is developing satisfactorily. The situation is entirely under control due to the receipt of PPM a new kind of penicillin.

Syphilitic children are being cured more quickly. However, despite good results, they remain under strict medical care.

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It is expected that new, free antivenereal clinics will be set up with modern equipment.

Mass examinations are continuing with very good results. Since March 1948, 3,000 cases of syphilis and 2,000 cases of gonorrhea have been cured. Eleven local clinics give 7,000 consultations monthly.

The situation in regard to tuberculosis is not as good. Many patients wait as long as 3 months to be admitted to a sanatorium. There is a lack of specialists and isolation wards.

There are 11 active clinics (including one for tuberculosis of the bone and joints) for adults and 12 for children (2 for articular tuberculosis).

The diagnostic clinic on Wiejaka Street has been exceptionally valuable in detecting many entirely unsuspected TB cases.

100 NEW HOSPITAL BEDS FOR WARSAW -- Trybuna Ludu, No 205, 28 Jul 49

Repairs on Wing No 3 of the Hospital of the Infant Jesus (Szpital Dz. Jezus) are now in progress. When they are completed, 100 additional hospital beds will be added, making it possible to enlarge the rheumatism and venereal disease wards.

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